

# BOOK AGAIN

NEWSLETTER

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## Sheryl's News

This summer was full of ups and downs at Book Again. Our summer sale was a success, as usual. We were delighted to see many new faces at this sale as a result of our ad in the *Daily Breeze*. However, since we lost our mailing list, we unfortunately missed many of our regular sale customers.

If you were missed please accept our apologies and sign up for our new mailing list so we can send you a postcard for our next sale coming up the last two weekends in October.

Thanks to all of you, our longtime customers and our new customers, for a good—and fun—summer!

—Sheryl

*“When I am attacked by gloomy thoughts, nothing helps me so much as running to my books. They quickly absorb me and banish the clouds from my mind.”*

—Michel de Montaigne (1553–1592)

HALLOWEEN  
HALF-OFF SALE!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

**October 22, 23 and 24**

Also

**October 29, 30 and 31**

**All books inside the store will be half-off our already low prices!**

**Prices this low are absolutely**

**SCARY!**

*This is our best sale - don't miss out!*

## Diana Checks-Out the Children's Section...

What do you know about our Children/Young Adult section?

Did you know that we have books ranging from pre-school bedtime stories to the classics?

We also have reference books, art and science, travel and culture, biographies and true life accounts, as well as animal books, career choices, horror, fantasy, mystery and a large selection of “chapter books.”

There is some very interesting, informative and fun reading in this section. And don't forget our **Book Buddy** program that gives our youngest readers an opportunity to get books *free* just like mom, dad or the grandparents!

We hope that you will check out this section the next time you are in the store. It is never too late or too young to begin reading and books are *always* good gifts!

STORE HOURS: Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 4 pm (Closed Mondays)  
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# Dori's Oatmeal Cookies

Mix in order:

1 cup shortening  
¼ cup brown sugar  
¼ cup white sugar  
2 eggs

Beat until well blended.

Add: 1½-cup flour combined with:

1 tsp each: soda, salt, & baking powder

Beat well

Fold in:

3 cups oatmeal (not instant)  
1 cup each: nuts, Cornflakes (uncrushed),  
raisins

Drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake in preheated 350° oven 10 to 15 minutes.

Enjoy!

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## Folklore

by Joe Nolte

“A drowsy, dreamy influence seems to hang over the land, and to pervade the very atmosphere... The whole neighborhood abounds with local tales, haunted spots, and twilight superstitions; stars shoot and meteors glare oftener across the valley than in any other part of the country, and the nightmare, with her whole ninefold, seems to make it the favorite scene of her gambols.”

So was the world first introduced to a tiny “sequestered glen” in New York state long ago and far away, impossible far back, some 184 years ago now. It’s a real enough place, and indeed back in ‘89 I tried unsuccessfully to make time for a visit to North Tarry Town, as it was then still known. Since then, it has reverted to the name that has made the region legend: Sleepy Hollow.

Washington Irving’s “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” was part of a collection that appeared in 1820, and though the tale is based on old German legends, it was set in a region he knew well – a region where he lived and died. “Sleepy Hollow” is absolutely Required Reading for the Halloween season, and most of you must be familiar with this wonderfully and occasionally tongue-in-cheek tale of the Headless Horseman, the beautiful Katrina Van Tassel, and the luckless schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane. For those NOT familiar, find the thing, and peruse it some cool October evening. You’ll be glad you did.

Naturally, though the locale is real enough, the characters are of course quite fictional.

Or are they?

Well, the Van Tassels were a real family, as it turns out, and indeed Irving eventually purchased the Van Tassel estate. The patriarch was Cornelis Janezan Van Texel, an early Dutch emigre who married a Native American named Catoneras in the early 1600’s, as the Dutch were beginning to settle what was then known as “New Netherlands.” The family prospered, and played a large Patriot role in the American Revolution.

The character of the schoolmaster was based on a local Revolutionary War veteran named Samuel Youngs, while another local character, Abraham Martling, was immortalized as Brom Bones.

As to the Horseman, he was based on an executed officer named Major Andre, whose ghost reputedly still haunts the region.

But Irving needed one more bit of inspiration - and found it in an old friend from his days in the military. This old friend, upon publication of the story, reputedly never spoke to Irving again.

His name?

Colonel Ichabod B. Crane.

## Happy Halloween!